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1. TEXT FOLLOWS OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S MAY 4 STATEMENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL OBJECTING TO PLO PARTICIPATION WITH SAME RIGHTS AS A MEMBER STATE:

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, FIRST OF ALL, MAY I WELCOME YOU AS OUR NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY AND TELL YOU HOW MUCH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IS HAPPY TO HAVE YOU IN THAT CAPACITY, FOR YOUR RENOWN AS A LEADER AND IN YOUR DEMON-STRATION OF LEADERSHIP ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE WITH YOU IN THIS IMPORTANT MONTH OF OUR DELIBERATIONS.

SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RELAYED TO THE AMBASSADOR FROM CHINA OUR GRATITUDE TO HIM FOR THE LEADERSHIP THAT HE DEMON-
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STRATED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, AND WE WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE

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OF HIS EFFORTS TO KEEP US ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND HOPE THAT
WE WERE COOPERATIVE WITH HIM IN SO DOING.

ON THE MATTER THAT IS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE US, SINCE YOU HAVE
STATED, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE REQUEST TO INVITE MEMBERS OF
THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
THIS DEBATE WOULD CONFER THE SAME RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION AS A
MEMBER STATE HAS UNDER RULE 37, THE UNITED STATES OBJECTS
TO THIS PROCEDURE AND REQUESTS THAT THE PROPOSAL BE PUT TO
A VOTE. AS IT HAS ON THREE RECENT OCCASIONS, MY DELEGATION
WILL VOTE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

WE OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT IS CLEARLY CONTRARY TO THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THIS BODY.

THE PROPOSAL IS THE LESS SUPPORTABLE IN THAT A PROPER PROCEDURE
EXISTS FOR INVITING THOSE OTHER THAN MEMBER STATES TO PARTICIPATE
IN SECURITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

I WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR AND I REITERATE THAT MY GOVERN-
MENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE COUNCIL HEARING THE VIEWS OF
PALESTINIANS IN THIS DELIBERATION SO LONG AS THAT IS DONE
UNDER THE APPROPRIATE PROVISION OF THE COUNCIL'S RULES;
THAT IS, UNDER RULE 39 AS HAS BEEN THE CASE ON OTHER COMPARABLE
OCCASIONS. UNQUOTE
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